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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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SYSTEM NEEDING CONSISTENCY ACROSS FAILURES

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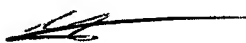
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2004, Applicants elect without
traverse to have the invention of Group I, Claims 1-23 and 49-71 examined. Claims 24-48 and
72-96 are canceled. Applicants reserve the right to seek examination of the cancelled claims in
divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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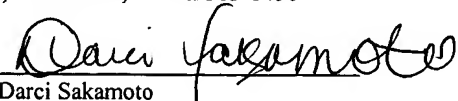
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